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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JODI S. BOHL, D.V.M. RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0000662

[Division of Enforcement Case # 09 VET 016]

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Jodi S. Bohl, D.V.M. N6790 865 Street Elk Mound, WI 54739

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jodi S. Bohl, D.V.M. ("Respondent") was born on February 17, 1956, and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 3951-50. This license was first granted on January 6, 1996.

- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is N6790 865 Street, Elk Mound, Wisconsin.
- 3. On June 19, 1997, Respondent was previously disciplined by the Board in case # 09 VET 010. This case disciplined Respondent for working under an expired license from December 14, 2007 through February 25, 2009.
- 4. At all times relevant to the current proceeding, Respondent was working as a veterinarian at Eau Claire Animal Hospital (the "Clinic"), 2504 Mall Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
- 5. On February 16, 2009, client TB brought her five year old cat, "Buddy" for a consultation with Respondent regarding declawing surgery.
- 6. On Friday, February 20, 2009, Respondent surgically removed Buddy's front claws. Due to swelling from the surgery observed the next morning, Buddy was kept until Sunday, February 22, 2009 and discharged at approximately 4:30 P.M. There are no medical records from the day of surgery indicating whether Respondent had taken Buddy's temperature, or whether Buddy's temperature, pulse or respiration had been evaluated post-surgery which might have revealed infection.
- 7. At the time of discharge, there were no veterinarians on duty at the clinic, and a kennel staff worker released Buddy to TB, providing TB with pain medication for Buddy along with instructions for administering the medication.
- 8. After administering the medication at approximately 5:30 P.M. on February 22, 2009, Buddy began to vomit. Over the night into the next day, Buddy continued to vomit and could not eat or drink.
- 9. On Monday, February 23, 2009, TB contacted the Clinic and was told to continue to administer the pain medication and watch for hydration. TB followed those directions, and provided buddy with water through an eye dropper. Buddy continued to vomit yellow bile.
- 10. On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, TB returned Buddy to the Clinic where blood work was drawn and analyzed by another veterinarian showing a high white blood count. TB was told that Buddy was very sick. Treatment options of up to five days of inpatient care were discussed, but declined. Buddy was then euthanized.
- 11. Buddy was not seen by any veterinarian post-surgery, from approximately 5:30 P.M. on February 20, 2009 until the time Buddy was brought back to the Clinic on February 24, 2009.
- 12. Buddy's medical records created and maintained by the Respondent for Buddy's treatment stated did not properly specify the identity of the treating veterinarian along with the service provided.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Respondent's failure to take the patient's temperature, pulse and respiration both during and post-surgery, the lack of veterinarian evaluation of the patient post-surgery, and release of the patient by kennel personnel failed to meet the minimum standards of acceptable veterinary practice and evidence a lack of knowledge or the ability to apply professional principles and skills in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.06(1).
- 3. Respondent's conduct in failing to maintain minimally adequate patient medical records constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § VE 7.03 and 7.06(15)
- 4. As a result of these violation, the Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(1)(f).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Jodi S. Bohl, D.V.M. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin is LIMITED to require that, within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain, locate, and successfully complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in the area of veterinary medical record keeping and a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education in the area of surgical evaluation and surgical complications. The course(s) attended in satisfaction of this requirement may not be used to satisfy the statutory continuing education requirements for licensure.
- 3. Respondent is responsible for locating the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining preapproval of the courses from the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, prior to commencement of the programs. For the purposes of this Order, the Board's designee is the Department Monitor.
- 4. Within thirty (30) days following completion of the course(s) identified in paragraph 2 above, Respondent shall file with the Department Monitor certifications from the sponsoring organization(s) verifying his attendance at the required courses.
- 5. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.

- 6. Upon successful completion of the educational programs, submission and approval of the records and payment of the costs set forth below, Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine shall be restored to unlimited status.
- 7. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY 00/100 DOLLARS (\$850.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

- 8. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (# 3950-50) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.
 - 9. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board	
By: Levald I	2/16/11
A Member of the Board	Date